



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 253

February Session, 2018

House Bill No. 5403

House of Representatives, April 5, 2018

The Committee on Banking reported through REP. LESSER of the 100th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY LEAD ABATEMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study lead abatement in this state. The task force shall examine and
3 make recommendations for policy or legislation concerning (1)
4 methods to fund lead abatement, (2) costs and benefits of state
5 investment in lead abatement, (3) primary lead poisoning prevention
6 measures, including, but not limited to, rental property inspections, (4)
7 the feasibility of enforcing lead abatement measures through means
8 including, but not limited to, liens and rent reduction, (5) community-
9 building programs to increase workforce development, education and
10 awareness of lead, (6) financing for measures to address sources of
11 lead poisoning other than homes, including, but not limited to, schools
12 and service lines, and (7) other relevant issues.

13 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

14 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,

15 one of whom is a member of a parent advocacy group and one of
16 whom is a member of a homeowner advocacy group;

17 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
18 is a representative of Connecticut Children's Medical Center's Healthy
19 Homes Program and who has expertise in lead inspections and
20 abatement;

21 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
22 Representatives, who has medical expertise in the effects and
23 treatment of childhood lead poisoning;

24 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who has
25 expertise in public health and environmental determinants of health;

26 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
27 Representatives, who is experienced in housing law and housing
28 availability and affordability;

29 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who is
30 experienced in funding lead poisoning programs;

31 (7) The executive director of the Connecticut Housing Finance
32 Authority, or the executive director's designee; and

33 (8) The president of the Connecticut Green Bank, or the president's
34 designee.

35 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
36 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
37 of the General Assembly.

38 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
39 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
40 filled by the appointing authority.

41 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
42 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
43 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall

44 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
 45 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section. Any
 46 meeting of the task force shall (1) be held at a time convenient to task
 47 force members, and (2) accommodate participation by telephone. The
 48 task force shall hold not less than two public forums, which shall
 49 provide opportunity for public comment.

50 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
 51 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to banking
 52 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

53 (g) Not later than January 1, 2019, the task force shall submit an
 54 interim report on its findings and recommendations to the joint
 55 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
 56 matters relating to banking, in accordance with the provisions of
 57 section 11-4a of the general statutes.

58 (h) Not later than July 1, 2019, the task force shall submit a report on
 59 its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
 60 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
 61 banking, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
 62 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
 63 submits such report or July 1, 2019, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

BA *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill establishes a task force to study lead abatement in this state. The task force shall submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations to the banking committee by January 1, 2019 and its final report by July 1, 2019.

This bill has no fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for task force members.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5403

AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY LEAD ABATEMENT.

SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Banking Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 10 Nay 9 (03/20/2018)